

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

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Claim 1 (Cancelled)

Claim 2 (Cancelled)

Claim 3 (Currently amended): The electric vacuum cleaner according to claim 8, ~~being adapted so that~~ wherein the air in said exhaust path is directed in said floor suction tool toward said rotation brush in a direction to augment rotation of said rotation brush.

Claim 4 (Previously amended): The electric vacuum cleaner according to claim 8, wherein: said floor suction tool includes a suction tool body, a pivoting pipe movable up and down with respect to said suction tool body, a connection pipe pivotable in a circumferential direction with respect to said pivoting pipe;

said exhaust path passing through said tool body, said pivoting pipe and said connection pipe;

said electric lines passing along said pivoting pipe and said connection pipe;

said electric lines have a slack in the vicinity of said pivoting pipe and said connection pipe; and

said slack exceeding a pivoting distance of said pivoting pipe and said connection pipe.

Claim 5 (Cancelled)

Claim 6 (Cancelled)

Claim 7 (Currently amended): An electric vacuum cleaner having a vacuum cleaner body containing a dust collecting chamber and a motorized fan with an exhaust outlet and a suction outlet and comprising:

an elongated hose device having an inner hollow hose disposed in spaced apart relationship with an outer hollow hose;

a single means connected to one end of said hose device for connecting the inner hollow hose to the suction inlet of the fan and connecting the outer hollow hose to the exhaust outlet of the fan;

an elongated extension pipe device having an inner hollow conduit disposed in spaced relationship within an outer hollow conduit, one end of the pipe device being connected to the other end of the hose device with the inner conduit connected to the inner hollow hose and thus connected by the inner hollow hose to the suction inlet of

the fan and the outer conduit connected to the outer hollow hose and thus being connected to the exhaust outlet of the fan;

a floor suction tool connected to the other end of the pipe device, said floor suction tool having a suction port connected to the inner hollow conduit of the pipe device and thus being connected to the suction inlet of the fan, said floor suction tool having an exhaust port connected to the outer hollow conduit of the pipe device and thus being connected to the exhaust outlet of the fan and forming an exhaust path;

an air filter in said exhaust path wherein said air filter is disposed externally to said dust collecting chamber; and

said floor suction tool containing a rotation brush and a motor for rotating said brush.

Claim 8 (Currently amended): The electric vacuum cleaner according to claim 7, comprising:

said exhaust path disposed in said vacuum cleaner body to guide an exhaust of said motorized fan into said outer hollow hose;

a path disposed in said outer hollow hose to communicate with said exhaust path in said vacuum cleaner body;

a path disposed in said elongated extension pipe device to communicate with said path in said ~~flexible hose~~ outer hollow hose;

a path disposed in said floor suction tool to communicate with said path in said elongated extension pipe device; said paths constituting an air circulation guide path passing from said vacuum cleaner body along said outer hollow hose and said elongated extension pipe device to said floor suction tool;

~~said exhaust guided to said rotation brush in a direction to add a rotation force to said rotation brush;~~

said air filter adapted to provide that the air in said guide path is clean air;
and

electric lines from said vacuum cleaner body to said motor for supplying electricity for rotating said rotation brush, said electric lines passing along said air circulation guide path whereby said electric lines are protected from contaminants in air moving therepast.
